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SUBJECT: RETROFIT KITS FOR BOEING 707'S

1. FRG DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION DR. REHM ON AUGUST 20 ASKED EMBASSY CAA FOR INFORMATION ON RETROFIT KITS FOR NOISE ABATEMENT FOR BOEING 707'S. HE SHOWED CAA A COPY OF AVIATION DAILY OF AUGUST 3, 1976 WHICH REPORTED DOT SECRETARY COLEMAN AS SAYING THERE WERE SUCH KITS FOR 707'S BUT NOT FOR DC-8'S. (SAME REPORT QUOTES COLEMAN AS SAYING KITS DO NOT REDUCE NOISE LEVELS ENOUGH AND THAT IT WOULD TAKE SIX YEARS TO RETROFIT ALL 707'S.)

2. REHM EXPLAINED THAT IN ISSUING REGULATION THREE YEARS AGO CLOSING REGISTRATION OF AIRCRAFT TO EQUIPMENT NOT MEETING ICAO CONVENTION ANNEX 16, FRG HAD NOT FORESEEN THAT GERMAN AIRLINES WOULD BE PRECLUDED THEREBY FROM GOING INTO CHARTER AIR FREIGHT OPERATIONS. RESULT HAS BEEN THAT THIS SIGNIFICANT MARKET HAS GONE TO FOREIGN CARRIERS.

3. FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (FMT) IS CONSIDERING REVISING REGULATION TO PERMIT REGISTRATION OF DC-8'S AND 707'S FOR FREIGHT ONLY, BUT WOULD PREFER TO DO SO WITH PROVISO THAT OPERATOR MUST RETROFIT NOISE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT WITHIN REASONABLE TIME AFTER REGISTRATION.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE SUPPLY ANY AVAIL-

ABLE INFORMATION ON NOISE SUPPRESSION KITS FOR 707'S
FOR EMBASSY TO PASS TO REHM.
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